



DAVID SANDERS, Ph.D.
Director

County of Los Angeles DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

425 Shatto Place, Los Angeles, California 90020
(213) 351-5602

Board of Supervisors

GLORIA MOLINA
First District

YVONNE B. BURKE
Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Third District

DON KNABE
Fourth District

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Fifth District

June 8, 2004

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair Pro Tem
Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David Sanders, Ph.D.
Director

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM RATE INCREASE

This letter is to provide your Board a status update regarding the payment rate increase for the Transitional Housing Provider Program (THPP). The State of California approved a provider rate increase from \$2,000 per month per youth to \$3,462 per month per youth in June 2003 based on 75% of the rate paid to Group Homes. The rate increase is effective February 2004, as the State notified the County on January 28, 2004, of the finalized revised THPP regulations whereby the County/DCFS could confirm THPP consistency to the State regulations. The funding source is Assistance Payments financed by 25.64% Federal, 15.57% State and 58.79% County funds that are included in the FY2003-04 Budget.

As you know, THPP providers have not been contracted with the County since December 2001. However, contracts are needed to hold providers accountable for the Department's priorities of child safety, permanency and well being/education. During the summer of 2003 as the Department was preparing a release of a Request For Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) contract solicitation, the State informed the County it was revising the THPP program regulation.

The notification of the State's revised THPP regulations in their January 28, 2004 CDSS Manual Letter # CCL-03-09, the recent County contractual requirements regarding protest policy, and my own commitment to your Board to ensure children's services and placement contracts are performance/outcome based, are the factors delaying the release of the RFSQ until July 2004.

Each Supervisor
June 8, 2004
Page 2

The new THPP provider rate will be used in the upcoming RFSQ contract solicitation. To continue to participate in the THPP, providers will be required to have a Board approved contract with an anticipated start date of December 1, 2004.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the THPP rate increase or RFSQ contract solicitation, please call me or Joan Smith, Deputy Director, Finance Bureau at (213) 351-5847.

DS:JS:bah

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Richard Shumsky, Chief Probation Officer

June 8, 2004

Dear Transitional Housing Provider:

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROVIDER PROGRAM RATE INCREASE

I am pleased to inform you that your Transitional Housing Provider Program (THPP) rate of \$2,000 per month per youth will be increased to \$3,462 per month per youth, effective from February 1, 2004. The County of Los Angeles obtained approval from the State of California to increase the rate paid to THPP providers commensurate with 75% of the rate paid to group homes and notified the County of finalized THPP program regulation changes January 28, 2004. The differential payment for the period February 2004 to April 2004 will be mailed to your agency in June 2004.

Ongoing THPP provider payments using the new monthly rate will be effective May 2004. Please continue to submit your billing invoices/vouchers to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS):

DCFS Revenue Enhancement
800 South Barranca Avenue, 4th Floor
Covina, CA 91723

Also, please provide a revised THPP budget reflecting the \$3,462 per month per youth in placement by June 11, 2004 to:

DCFS Finance Division
425 Shatto Place, Room 200
Los Angeles, CA 90020
Attention: Ed Jewik

and to:

DCFS Revenue Enhancement
800 South Barranca Avenue, 4th Floor
Covina, CA 91723
Attention: Cynthia McCoy-Miller

Transitional Housing Provider
Page 2
June 8, 2004

This new THPP rate will be used in the upcoming Request For Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) contract solicitation. To continue to participate in the THPP, providers will be required to contract with Los Angeles County. As you may know, DCFS awaited the issuance of new THPP program language to incorporate into a RFSQ contract solicitation.

Unfortunately, the incorporation of these new State regulations, as well as new contracting requirements, has delayed the solicitation development and the RFSQ will not be released until July 2004. You will be notified by mail when the RFSQ is released.

DCFS looks forward to your future participation in the RFSQ contract solicitation process. If you have questions regarding payment issues, you may contact Cynthia McCoy-Miller, Revenue Enhancement Division Chief at (626) 858-1500. If you have questions regarding the revised budget, you may contact Ed Jewik, Finance Officer at (213) 351-5560.

Sincerely,

DAVID SANDERS, Ph.D.
Director

DS:ARC:wc

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Children's Deputies, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Richard Shumsky, Chief Probation Officer